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SUBJECT: ANTHONY C. ABBOTT NEW MINISTER OF CONSUMER AND
CORPORATE AFFAIRS

REF: OTTAWA 3705

1. ANTHONY (TONY) ABBOTT ON SEPT 14 WAS NAMED MINISTER
OF CONSUMER AND CORPORATE AFFAIRS. FOLLOWING
IS RELEVANT BIOGRAPHIC INFORMATION

2. LIBERAL MP - MISSISSAUGA. BORN NOV 26, 1930 AT
MONTREAL, QUE. EDUCATED AT BISHOP'S UNIV AND OSGOODE
HALL LAW SCHOOL. MARRIED WITH TWO BOYS AND ONE
DAUGHTER. A LAWYER. FIRST ELECTED TO HOUSE OF
COMMONS GEN ELEC 1974.

3. COMMENT: ALTHOUGH ABBOTT HAS NOT SERVED AS A
PARLIAMENTARY SECRETARY SINCE HIS ELECTION TO
COMMONS IN 1974, HE HAS PERFORMED WELL ON SEVERAL
HOUSE COMMITTEES AND WAS RECOGNIZED AS ONE OF
THE FIVE OR TEN COMERS ON THE LIBERAL BACKBENCHES.
ABBOTT IS WELL-KNOWN BY SEVERAL EMBOFFS AND HAS AN
OPEN, FRIENDLY PERSONALITY. HE HAS A GOOD AND
INQUIRING MIND AND A PARTICULARLY BROAD OUTLOOK.
HE IS A DILIGENT WORKER AND CAN BE EXPECTED TO
MOVE QUICKLY AND AGGRESSIVELY INTO HIS NEW DUTIES.
ABBOTT IS THE SON OF FORMER FINANCE MINISTER AND
SUPREME COURT JUSTICE, DOUGLAS ABBOTT.

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